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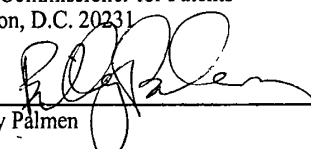
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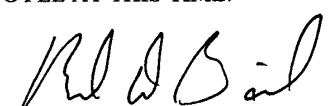
- ☒ [ X ] Title Page;
- ☒ [ X ] Eighteen (18) pages of specification;
- ☒ [ X ] Eight (8) pages of claims;
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